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Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 City Manager's Annual Report

Sanford City Manager Norton Bonaparte presented the City Manager's 2013 Fiscal Year Annual Report to the Sanford City Commission at last night's Commission meeting. Highlights of the Annual Report include:

The completion of the Imagine Sanford Community Visioning Project, noted that Sanford was voted the Best Downtown by the Orlando Weekly Magazine, the Finance Department completed a three year project of compiling information needed for a Capital Replacement Program, the Fire Department purchased thermal imaging cameras and placed the cameras in service on all the city's rescue apparatus.

The City Clerk's office processed 153 public records requests. Community Improvement extended the Lien Amnesty Program resulting in an additional 15 properties being brought into compliance and collected \$21,614 in outstanding liens.

The Human Resources Department recorded its second lowest number of workers compensation claims in the last 15 years or more. The Planning Department processed 808 development applications. Sanford's Police Department hired and trained 15 new sworn officers, command staff and community stakeholders attended Fair and Impartial Policing Training provided by the Department of Justice.

The Public Works Department rolled out a number of projects in FY 2013 including, RiverWalk Phase II, Sanford Marina Day Boat Slips, and the U.S. 17-92 beautification project. Public Works also upgraded and installed new street signs throughout the city.

The Recreation Department provided swimming lessons to nearly 600 children under the age of 12 at the city's Larry A. Dale Aquatic Center where 150 children enrolled in the year round USA swim team. A combined total of 2,500 youth and adults participated in city athletic programs and events.

The Utility Department re-lined 3,059 feet of sewer pipe and created a leak detection program used to find leaks throughout the city's distribution system.

Through Sanford's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), the Economic Development Department incentivized the design and initial development of the Sanford Avenue Streetscape, the demolition of the old post office and initiated the marketing of the site for development. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) total expenditures were \$775,828. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) total expenditures were \$612,242. In addition, the city also installed 9,000 linear feet of new sidewalks in the Goldsboro and Georgetown neighborhoods.

Looking into FY 2014, "the future's bright for the City of Sanford. Staff continues to be dedicated to the citizens of Sanford providing services and programs that offer an outstanding quality of life for all that live, work and play in our great city," said Norton Bonaparte.

The entire report can be found on the city's website at www.sanfordfl.gov under "Latest News".

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